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# VIKINGS OF THE SMOKIES

KNOXVILLE, TN

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## President's Report

**IT'S HOWDY-DOODY TIME! IT'S HOWDY-DOODY TIME!** So on with **the show!!** No, not really, unless you consider Howdy, Buffalo Bob Smith, Clarabelle, Flub-A-Dub, Phineas T. Bluster and Princess Summerfall Winterspring as viable candidates for replacement Directors and Officers (heads of committees) for our Lodge

Folks, **it is time** for our annual nomination of new Board members. Well, why not those tv characters?? **THE LODGE BOARD NEEDS SOME NEW BLOOD, AND THE LODGE NEEDS SOME NEW LEADERSHIP IF WE WANT THE LODGE TO SURVIVE!**

It is time to form a three-person nominating committee to select Lodge members for the following positions as listed in our current Policies & Procedures (P&P), including President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Social Director, Cultural Director, Foundation Director, Counselor, Trustee, Youth Director, Sports Director and Editor. The P & P also states that these are ELECTED positions, meaning we need to have nominated candidates run for these offices!

**IF YOU ARE WILLING TO SERVE ON THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE, PLEASE CONTACT ME.**

Do you see yourself in any of these positions? Without someone to fill each of these slots, the Board is incomplete, and Lodge programs in those areas must cease or the workload for those officers we elect will be doubled.

Now can you see your name there? — Or are we left with Howdy Doody and friends?? What is it you want out of membership in the Lodge and the Sons of Norway? Please consider adding your talents and time to keep the Lodge running smoothly.

On a lighter note, the Lodge will regroup after a quiet summer with the next meeting on Sunday, September 18, at Faith Lutheran Church in Farragut, beginning at 4pm.

There will be an announcement later in this newsletter with the additional details regarding the program and meal, but the program will involve a short talk on Norwegian Immigration to the US during the mid—to late 1800s, presented in video format by President Clark Brekke, while part of the meeting's program will also involve remarks by AnneMarie Ottosen, native of Norway and friend of VOTS.

I look forward to seeing you all.

Please consider serving on the Board -- please THINK ABOUT IT!!

Tusen takk, Clark Brekke

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## **WANNA GET SOCIAL?**

The Lodge is looking for a few individuals who are interested and willing to help plan our monthly social events for the Lodge. This position can be held by one or more people and is a great way to meet Lodge members, contribute to supporting the Lodge and have fun!

Please see Dee Bumpers for more details!



# **WELCOME BACK VIKINGS OF THE SMOKIES!**

**School is back in session, the nights are getting cooler, and the  
Vikings are back at Faith Lutheran!**

**Sunday, September 18th at 4pm**  
**Faith Lutheran Church**

**Norwegian Immigration to the US during  
the mid-to-late 1800s**

**Presented by Clark Brekke, with remarks  
by AnneMarie Ottosen, native of Norway and friend of VOTS**

**The smorgasbord is back!**

**Please bring a dessert or appetizer to share with the group!**

**Homemade or store bought welcome - please provide enough for 4-6 guests  
Coffee, water and iced tea will be available courtesy of the Lodge**

**As always, to ensure an accurate headcount for the refreshments  
please rsvp to Linda Turmo (865) 233-7411 or [turmolat@charter.net](mailto:turmolat@charter.net)**

# VOTS Sports Corner

A number of our Vikings of the Smokies Lodge members have continued their pursuit of fitness during our pandemic. And if you want to start earning a Sports Medal, our Sports Director Olaf Storaasli has created a website to get all the needed information to get moving!

## (VOTS SPORTS MEDAL INFORMATION)

Begin by reading this **Sons Of Norway intro to Medals** and the 6 steps to follow in the four different medal categories:

- 1. [Idrettsmerke](#): General Sports & Fitness
- 2. [Gangmerke](#): Walking
- 3. [Sykkelmerke](#): Bicycling
- 4. [Svømmemerke](#): Swimming
- 5. [Skimerke](#): Skiing (not easy in Tennessee!)
- 6. [Super-medals](#) (ask Ole Kolberg, first lodge member to earn one)

Medals are generally awarded by our Sports Director at Lodge meetings, and plans are to award a number at our next meeting.

If you have questions, contact our VOTS Sports Director at [olaf@cox.net](mailto:olaf@cox.net)

## MEMBERSHIP REMINDER!

If you have not yet taken the opportunity to renew your SON Membership, please do so by either going to the [SON Website](#) or contacting Membership Secretary [Linda Turmo](#)

## From the Treasurer:

Our net gain for the year through July 2022 was \$231, compared to a net loss of \$51 for January through August 2021.

From January to June 2022, there was profit of \$126 from the Children's International Festival and \$634 income for membership dues. There were expenses of \$530, including \$333 towards the District 5 Conference, \$78 for pizza & movie, \$44 for refreshments, \$49 for Syttende Mai, and \$25 for Ski for Light. This compared to \$694 expenses last January through August, which included \$333 for the Convention, \$241 for July 4<sup>th</sup> picnic, \$34 for service pins, and \$25 bereavement donation.

Our current assets are \$5,033 including \$4,913 in the Regions checking account, \$105 for the remaining prepaid Cumberland County Playhouse tickets, and \$15 for playing cards resale or awards. This compares to \$5,477 for August 2021, with our only liability being a \$1,056 accrual for next SON District 5 convention.

Respectfully submitted,  
Trygve Myhre

